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Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/899,372 entitled "SOULBLE KERATIN  
PEPTIDE" by Van Dyke, et al.  
Atty. Docket No. KER020/4-005CON

Sir:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced patent application is:

1. Response to Restriction Requirement of October 15, 2001;
2. check in the amount of \$460.00; and
3. A return postcard to acknowledge receipt of these documents. Please date stamp and mail this postcard.

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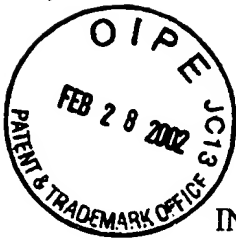
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In re Application of:  
Van Dyke, et al.

Serial No.: 09/899,372

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For: SOLUBLE KERATIN PEPTIDE

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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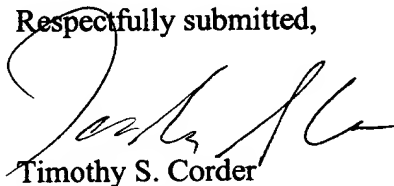
The paper is filed in response to a restriction requirement of October 15, 2001, the response date for which was November 15, 2001. The Assistant Commissioner is requested to consider this a petition for a 3 month extension of time in which to reply. The appropriate fee of \$460.00 is enclosed herewith. No further fees are believed to be due in connection with the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement, however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be deemed necessary for any reason relating to these materials, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct said fees from Vinson & Elkins L.L.P. Deposit Account No. 22-0365/KER020/4-005CON.

The Action states that the application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention: a) gel, b) lotion, c) paste, d) cream, e) aqueous solution, f) wound dressing, g) sheet comprising keratin derived product, h) adhesive bandage, i) tissue engineering scaffold, j) tissue engineering scaffold comprising keratin derived product, k) hydrogel, l) keratin derived hydrogel, m) powder, n) powder mixed with an absorbent material, and o) powder mixed with a non-absorbent material. The Action acknowledges that claim 55 is generic.

In response, Applicants elect without traverse the species m) powder. Applicants understand that the additional species will be considered by the Examiner upon a finding that a generic claim is allowable.

If the Examiner has any questions regarding this response, or any other issue, a telephone call to the undersigned representative is requested.

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